

# HORNET HERALD

Northern giant hornet stakeholder update



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## **NORTHERN GIANT HORNET STAKEHOLDER UPDATE #23.05 – August 11, 2023**

### **EVENTS**

#### **Northwest Washington Fair, Lynden WA**

Stop by the [Northwest Washington Fair](#) in Lynden from August 10 - 19 to see examples of northern giant hornets. We'll be sharing a booth next to the Master Gardeners!

#### **Birch Bay Derby Day**

WSDA will have a booth set up at the [Birch Bay Derby Day](#) in Birch Bay on August 26. See and learn about hornets and other invasive pests.

You can take home a northern giant hornet identification card at either event. The card is pictured below next to a hornet.



### **KOREA TRAVELS**

WSDA entomologists returned to Korea for the second year to continue hornet research. They have been working with Dr. Choi at Kyungpook University to better understand hornet foraging and migration behavior.

Our South Korean partners collected data on hornet queen flight as they awoke in the spring. Hornet queen flight will be studied as the new queens emerge in the fall as well. The study aims to determine if queens fly once to overwinter and build their nest once, or if they migrate in multiple phases.

The hope is to better determine how far and wide a hornet survey should be in a geographic area, or if WSDA's response should be different when finding a hornet in the spring versus the fall.



## NEW DETECTIONS

There have been no new detections for 2023. You can view detection data online on the [Northern Giant Hornet Public Dashboard](#).

Confirmed NGH Detections in Washington (2023)

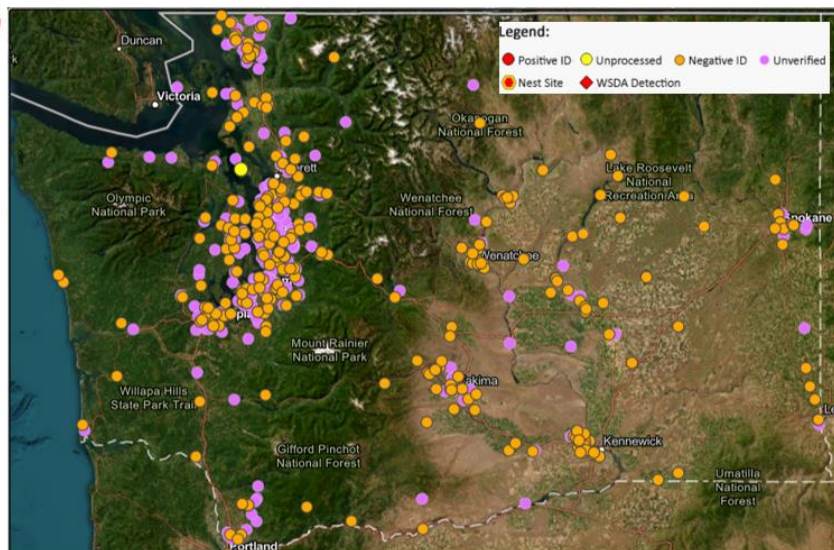
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### Number of Hornet Nest Detections (2023)

0

### Traps Placed by WSDA (2023)

768



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you live in Washington, you can become a scientist and help detect northern giant hornets. By participating, you can help WSDA understand and limit the spread and possibly eradicate these invasive hornets from Washington state. It's not too late to start either program.

## **Public Trapping**

Learn how to build a hornet trap and report your catches to WSDA. Citizen scientist hornet trapping is conducted from July through November. [Learn how to start trapping.](#)



## **Watch A Wasp Nest**

Commit to checking paper wasp nests for wasp and hornet activity. Paper wasp nest observations take place June through October. You can [log the nest locations online.](#)



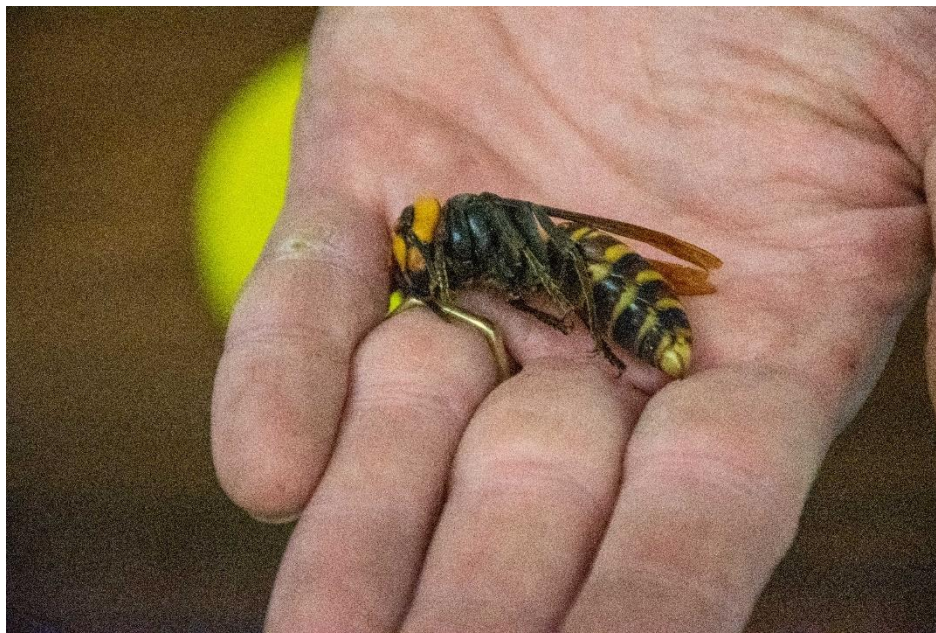


## NORTHERN GIANT HORNET FIELD TRAINING

WSDA is hosting a hornet field training day next week in Whatcom County. They will practice tagging and tracking future hornets. Staff will also simulate removing nests while in their protective suits.

## REPORT SIGHTINGS

It is still important to be on the lookout: dead or alive, NGH reports are helpful. If you think you have seen a hornet, [report it online](#), email at [hornets@agr.wa.gov](mailto:hornets@agr.wa.gov), or call 1-800-443-6684. Include a photo if you can safely obtain one. Remember to track and not whack hornets!



## STAY CONNECTED

WSDA is dedicated to working with the public to provide information on Northern giant hornets.

- View [past news releases, blogs, and Pest Program updates](#) about Northern giant hornet.
- Join the [Northern giant hornet Facebook group](#).
- Join the [Pest Program email listserv](#).
- Follow WSDA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Twitter](#).